MAINE EMS INVESTIGATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6, 2002 MAINE EMS CONFERENCE ROOM, AUGUSTA

MEETING MINUTES

Present: S Leach – Chair, R. Doughty, P. Knowlton, C. Pillsbury

Staff: D. White, D. Kinney

1. Call To Order: The meeting was called to order at 12:28 p.m.

D. White noted that the Board did not ratify the February 6, 2002, recommendation of the committee to license George Ryder by consent agreement and denied Mr. Ryder's application for license at the First Responder level.

A. Additions/Deletions to the Agenda

- 2. Investigations Executive Session
 - **A.** Case 01-11 Update
 - **B.** Case 01-13 Update
 - D. Review for Investigation (Item C is below)

The Committee entered executive session for the purpose of discussing investigations.

Motion: To enter executive session for the purpose of discussing investigations (Doughty; Pillsbury – motion carries).

The Committee entered executive session at 12:29 p.m. and exited at 12:57 p.m.

Motion: In re Case # 01-13, the Committee finds that sufficient evidence exists to establish violations by the licensee of the Maine EMS Rules, including but not limited to § 11.A.5, 11.A.7(a), 11.A.9, and 11.A.18; that the Committee recommends that the Board direct the Office of the Attorney General to file a complaint in district court for revocation of license; and that the Board direct that the Office of the Attorney General coordinate the filing of the complaint so as to not compromise any criminal action pending against the licensee (Doughty; Pillsbury – motion carries).

C. Case #96-04 – Informal Conference

Motion: To enter executive session for the purpose of holding an informal conference In re: case #96-04 (Doughty; Knowlton – motion carries)

The Committee entered executive session at 1:15 p.m. for the purpose of conducting an informal conference with the subject of case #96-04, who is now applying for EMS licensure.

Executive session was exited at 1:43 p.m.

Motion: In re: case #96-04, the Committee finds that the applicant's conviction constitutes a violation of Maine EMS Rules §11.A.4; that the conviction is mitigated because the applicant has no other criminal convictions, has completed a second EMT-Basic course, has successfully completed probation and has provided letters of recommendation from his community; and that the Committee recommends a consent agreement with the applicant that provides for the licensure of the applicant with the provision that the applicant will surrender any license issued should the applicant be charged with any crime in any state of Federal court, term of said consent agreement to be 3 years (Doughty; Knowlton motion carries).

3. Applications

A. Amy Martin – Informal Review

The Committee conducted an informal review with applicant Amy Martin regarding her history of criminal convictions.

The Committee reviewed Ms. Martin's history of convictions for theft. Martin provided information to the Committee regarding the convictions and her subsequent efforts at rehabilitation.

Motion: In re: applicant Amy Martin, the Committee finds that the applicant's convictions constitute a violation of Maine EMS Rules §11.A.4; that the convictions are mitigated as the applicant has had no convictions since 1998, has expressed remorse for her actions and a desire to regain the trust of the community and has demonstrated responsibility through her continuous employment, completion of an EMT-Basic program and her work with the Hermon Volunteer Rescue; and that the Committee recommends a consent agreement with the applicant that provides for the licensure of the applicant with the provision that the applicant will surrender any license issued should the applicant be charged with any crime in any state of Federal court, term of said consent agreement to be 6 years (Doughty; Pillsbury - motion carries).

B. Calvin Paquet – Informal Review

The Committee conducted an informal review with applicant Calvin Paquet regarding his history of a criminal conviction.

The Committee reviewed Mr. Paquet's history of conviction for Assault, Class D. Paquet provided information to the Committee regarding the conviction.

Motion: In re: applicant Calvin Paquet, the Committee finds that the applicant's conviction constitutes a violation of Maine EMS Rules §11.A.4; that the conviction is mitigated as the applicant has had no other convictions since the 1994 conviction for Assault, Class D, has demonstrated responsibility through his completion of an EMT-Basic program and his work with the Litchfield Fire Department and has provided letters of recommendation from his community; and that the Committee recommends that the applicant be licensed and that the applicant receive a letter of guidance concerning the conviction. (Pillsbury; Doughty - motion carries).

C. Stanley Larson – tabled pending further information

D. Karen Sprague

The Committee reviewed Ms. Sprague's history of a 1993 conviction for Carrying a Concealed Weapon, Class D. The Committee reviewed information provided by Ms. Sprague and staff.

Motion: In re: applicant Karen Sprague, the Committee finds that the applicant's conviction constitutes a violation of Maine EMS Rules §11.A.4; that the conviction is mitigated as the applicant has had no other convictions since the 1993 conviction for Carrying a Concealed Weapon, Class D; and that the Committee recommends that the applicant be licensed and that the applicant receive a letter of guidance concerning the conviction. (Pillsbury; Doughty - motion carries).

E. Jay Morrissette

The Committee reviewed Mr. Morrissette's history of convictions in 1996 and 1998 for Disorderly Conduct, Class E. Morrissette provided information to the Committee regarding the convictions.

Motion: In re: applicant Jay Morrissette, the Committee finds that the applicant's conviction constitutes a violation of Maine EMS Rules §11.A.4; that the convictions are mitigated as the applicant has had no other convictions since the 1998 conviction for Disorderly Conduct, has demonstrated responsibility through his completion of an EMT-Basic program and his work with United Ambulance Service and has provided letters of recommendation from his community; and that the Committee recommends that the applicant be licensed and that the applicant receive a letter of guidance concerning the conviction. (Doughty; Knowlton - motion carries).

4. Other – None.

5. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held after the next Maine EMS board meeting.

6. Adjourn – The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Drexell White, Licensing Agent